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ALMA

Ordination Date.

- June 10. Subdiaconate, Menlo.
- June 11. Diaconate, Menlo.
- June 12. Priesthood, San Francisco.
- Feb. 24. Talks by Frs. Lord and Bowdern on sodality work.

Fr. Chas. Leahy spent several days with Sodality Moderators, discussing the summer's coming Province Sodality Meeting.

Mar. 6. Messrs. Marien and Kristovich defended in first year matter. A new form was adopted in this disputation by audience participation as objectors. The names of objectors were drawn by lot at the disputation.

Mar. 7. Mr. Linssen, Ore., (from Holland), gave a lecture to the Sodality in Los Angeles.

Many Rectors and other Fathers were guests at the transferred Feast of St. Thomas.

Mar. 11-14. Fr. Hagemann gave a retreat at El Retiro.

A water purificator, purchased from the War Assets, permits summer swimming despite the drought.

Mar. 12. Fr. Hubbard gave an illustrated lecture.

Mar. 21. Mr. William Ferdon, Assistant Public Defender at San Francisco, lectured on "Crime."

Fr. Bourret, stationed at Alma, is gathering material for the Missions.

Mr. Thos. Flynn spoke before the newly founded Thomist Club at Santa Clara.

Mr. Marien addressed a philosophical circle in San Francisco.

Fr. William Huesman has just printed the first part of his doctorate thesis: "Doctrine of Leonard Lessius on Mortal Sin." The publication contains 87 pages, and has the approval of two Gregorian Faculty Fathers, the California Provincial, the Dominican Provincial, and the Archbishop of San Francisco.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Feb. 24-Mar. 9. Provincial Visitation.

Mar. 1. Work on the new gym began, and should be finished by September. The gym will seat 2000. Its playing space, 99x132, will be the largest in any Los Angeles gym.

Preliminary sketches for the new chapel are being prepared.

Fr. Scannell has been appointed to the new office of Dean of Men.

Ramon Novarro and Frank O'Neill of Manhattan Beach have donated books to the new library.

Several courses in Education have been started. Plans for a Department of Education are getting into shape.

The drive initiated by Loyola for European Student Relief collected \$10,000 from the Catholic Colleges of Southern California, which makes them second only to the schools of the New York area in the national drive. The Los Angeles drive contributed one-seventh of the national total, so far reported.

Mar. 30-May 27. An Industrial Relation School under Fr. McIntosh's management has been opened. Classes are held two evenings a week.

A third year of engineering starts in September, with courses in Mechanical, Electrical and Civil Engineering. Two big laboratories have been constructed.

Spring Registration: 1541 at Del Rey, and 327 in the Law School.

The 28 lecture rooms (15 in the main building and 13 in the other buildings) are in full use. Also in the main building there are 3 Biology and 3 Chemistry Labs. The Physics building has two labs. There is also a Drawing Room lab.

Fr. Strehl due to illness, has been temporarily relieved of his teaching and prefecting.

Lenten Courses.

Fr. Rector, Beverly Hills.

Fr. Collins, Redondo.

Fr. McIntosh, Immaculate Concep.

LOYOLA HIGH

Feb. 18. Freshman Elocution Contest, conducted by Fr. Saussothe.

Feb. 21. Regional Sodality Conference. Bishop McGucken celebrated the Mass at the Cathedral. Frs. Lord and Bowdern directed the sessions at the Elks Club.

Feb. 29. Semi-Finals of the Apologetics-Oratorical Contest held at Loyola High. The finals took place at Immaculate Heart College.

Large crowds of students attended the Novena of Grace. The Scholastics gave daily talks on St. Xavier's life.

During Lent the students made daily free-will offerings for the China Mission.

Mar. 15. Sophomore-Freshman Sodality Family Night.

Mar. 17. The Sodality sponsored a skating carnival at the Pan-Pacific Ice Pavilion.

During March, several priests gave vocational talks to the school.

The debating teams under Mr. Fisher's direction, won 3 out of 6 debates with S.I.H.; 2 out of 3 with Bellarmine.

During Holy Weeek, Fr. Crowley at Lone Pine; Fr. Maginnis in Mono County; Fr. Bacigalupi at Santa Rosa.

Loyola's championship Basketball team won the first round of the C.I.F. playoffs, defeating Lone Pine, but lost to Whittier, the final champions, in the quarter-finals.

LOS GATOS

Feb. 24. Frs. Lord and Bowdern spoke on remote preparation for leadership in the Sodality.

Feb. 26. The Juniors poured cement at one set of handball courts, now under reconstruction.

Feb. 29. Fr. Geo. Dunne read his play, "Trial by Fire," to the community. Fr. Maring gave the Novena of Grace at St. Mary's, San Jose.

Mar. 14. Fr. Mark Falvey showed a technicolor motion picture of China, and gave a running commentary.

New linoleum is being laid in the corridors and on the stairs of the old (middle) building.

The organ has been revamped. It is now centered in the organ loft, and has double the number of pipes it previously had.

SAN FRANCISCO

Feb. 26-Mar. 8. Fr. Duce inspected the High School and University.

Br. Lee, Frs. Magner, Nagle, Owens and Sullivan, spent a week or more in the hospital.

Frs. Lord and Bowdern spoke to the Ladies' and Men's Sodalities, and con-

ducted an all-day series of conferences for the High School and University Sodalities.

Mar. 5. Fr. Lagan was assigned to the community.

The retaining wall along the Fulton side of the U.S.F. campus has been replaced with a new wall.

After several months here, Br. Aloysius Laird, much improved in health, has returned to Alaska.

The doctor gives hope of fully restoring the use of Br. Feltes' injured eye. Brother is now in California.

The remaining area immediately north of the Faculty Building has been asphalted.

Lenten Courses in the Church: Fr. Rector at the late Masses; Fr. Silva at 8:30 and 9:30; Fr. Brolan on Wednesday evenings; Fr. Giambastiani on Sunday evenings.

A good crowd attended the Novena of Grace, conducted by Fr. Robt. Tallmadge of St. Louis.

Sgt. Storti, who began the High School ROTC, has retired from the Army after 21 years of service.

Over 100 students attend the daily Lent Mass in the High School.

For the coming J.E.A. Convention, 25 altars are being prepared in the high school.

The College Players are preparing "Lightnin'" for April.

Fr. Rector attended the installation of Archbishop McIntyre.

Spring registration is larger than the Fall one, 2615-2602. Of the Spring group 250 are new. Besides, a number graduated, and others were not accepted.

BELLARMINE PREP

Fr. Bacigalupi gave a lecture with recordings of Italian operas to the Mothers' Guild.

The Novena of Grace was made with talks and prayer in the chapel every noon.

Mar. 6. The Bellarmine Cardinals, under Mr. Byrne's direction, won the Inter-city Basketball League against teams from San Jose, Los Gatos, Campbell and Santa Clara. Bellarmine won 20 out of 21 games. The final game against San Jose High was won 31 to 30.

In the Catholic League, Bellarmine won 24, lost 8. Bellarmine lost its final game, 40 to 41, to St. Mary's Prep, the champs of the Catholic League.

Mar. 11. The Varsity baseball team started its season with an 8 to 1 victory over Poly High of San Francisco.

Mar. 15-19. Mission Week under direction of Mr. Hand. Collections each day. Mission exhibits in the gym. Lectures in the gym by Fr. Mark Falvey. Almost every class had compositions about the Missions.

Mar. 17. The Dads' Club sponsored a St. Patrick's dinner and dance in the gymnasium.

Apr. 12. Annual Freshman Elocution Contest, directed by Fr. Corvi. The Judges: The winners of 1925, 1926, 1927. "Father Malachy's Miracle" will be the spring play.

Mr. Sargent's track team tied Sequoia High in the first meet, 51 to 51.

Mr. Herrlich's swimming team will meet Palo Alto.

Mr. Hand's tennis team won its first meet with Burlingame High.

Mr. Dodd's golf team will play San Mateo High.

The debating teams tied with Loyola, the upper division winning, the lower losing.

PARISHES

Feb. 29. Hollywood celebrated Fr. Jos. Crowley's 11th entrance into the Society. The cake had 11 candles.

The Phoenix Rectory has been delayed by difficulty in getting steel. The building is due to be finished in August.

St. Joseph's hopes to dedicate its new grammar school on April 18.

The drought caused the owner of the bees on our Santa Barbara property to move away.

CHINA

Mar. 12. The Yangchow Mission was officially constituted by His Paternity and made a Dependent Mission of the California Province. On that same day, Fr. Paul O'Brien was appointed Superior of the Yangchow Mission; and Fr. Edward Murphy, Rector of Ricci College, Nanking. Ricci College was made a Residentia Major by V.R. Fr. General.

"Christ the King" in Shanghai was not transferred to the Yangchow Mission, even though the local French Superiors were willing. His Paternity decided that it should still belong to the Shanghai Mission, because it is in the domain of that Mission.

Approved for the Yangchow Mission: Fr. Edmund Fitzgerald, Fr. John Palm, Fr. Alden Stevenson. Messrs. Arthur Latham and Arthur Rutledge. Br. Walter Meyer.

Fr. Richard Meagher will not return to China this year, but will continue

to work for his Ph.D. in chemistry. On account of the illness of Fr. Strehl, he taught Religion at Loyola University for a couple of months.

Last Vows at Chabanel: Seven Fathers, two Californians, two Canadians, two Frenchmen and one Hungarian, pronounced their vows, Feb. 2. Before the end of the reading, the following item won thunderous applause. The announcement was in Latin and stated: At Chabanel, Peiping, the birthday of the sainted Compagnon, Faucher, Beauregard, Van Graenendael, Kaufman, Fahy, Houle, who were born on the same day, received their grade on the same day, were made bishops on the same day, and condemned to death on the same day at the time of the Chinese Communists, were renowned for holiness.

When a member of the community has an article published, "Deo gratias" is given at the end of the meal, and coffee is served. The magazine is passed around in a decorated platter. On occasion, the article is read in the refectory. Thus, Fr. C. McCarthy's story of the "Trappist Tragedy", (Shanghai Catholic Review, for January), was read publicly.

Often in the evening the electric power goes off, and Chabanel has to eat and read by lamp light. After ten years of war, the city power house is still under repairs.

Professor Thomas George, who organized the Jocist Movement in the Slav countries, and who spent six months in a Communist prison, is in Peiping. He is to organize groups for the Youth, for the Workmen (coolies, factory hands, etc.), and for the Peasants. He is a dynamic speaker.

When the Scholastics go out on a bicycle, they are given \$3000. Of this \$1000 is for parking, as bicycle thieves are legion, and the rest is for possible tire trouble.

Fr. General's approval of the Vow Men in China was lost in via. The Province had to cable both Rome and then China. The approval reached the Vow Men just three days before their retreat. That for the Chinese never did arrive, so that on Feb. 10th, they still had not pronounced their final vows.

Fr. Fahy is due to go to Yangchow, where he would finish his language work right in the midst of strange ways and local language variations.

Fr. Dailey describes the great care taken at the Gregorian to prevent

cheating. The examinees are lined up, and made to deliver all blotters, papers, and books, even coats, hats, birettas and skull caps. Then the victims are seated in a prearranged order. But—there is a “but.”

VARIA

Mar. 14. El Retiro Communion Sunday at S. F. Cathedral, when 2000 retreatants were present. Of these 900 went to the Communion Breakfast, where Dion Holm gave an outstanding address.

Fr. Darrell Finnegan is the first Jesuit to conduct the Holy Hour on the eve of First Friday in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Correction. The date, 1789, in the March “Last Vows” is incorrect. At that time, the Society was suppressed in Mexico. Ours did not build the church of San Felipe Neri, but acquire it years later. The original church of La Compañia is a massive structure of architectural splendor, in the heart of the town. It was never returned to us. It now has a ghostly atmosphere of pitiful misuse. Soviet stars are painted garishly inside its vaulted dome, and other such propaganda spoil its walls. The church was built in the 17th century.

At the March Mission at Cathedral Chapel, Los Angeles, Frs. Bradstreet and O'Mara preached to 700 each night in the first week, and 800 in the second.

MT. ST. MICHAEL'S

Two handball courts blown down by a wind storm, are being repaired.

The community is being inoculated against Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

On a Mt. Spokane outing, Mr. Rollins chip-factured his knee.

Mar. 1. Fr. Schultheis, the Minister, left to become pastor at St. Ignatius, Portland.

Fr. Harold Small is Provincial of Oregon.

Bishop Thos. A. Connolly, former Auxiliary in San Francisco, is Coadjutor Bishop of Seattle.

Frs. Lord and Bowdern addressed the community at the Mount.

Mr. Mahan was Master of Ceremonies at the St. Thomas Academy.

Mar. 12. The radio workshop put on a radio play for the community.

Mar. 15. Messrs. Minamiki and E. L. Burke objected at Mr. Kaufer's (Ore.) Psychology Disputation. Mr. Hilsdale was to have defended in Cosmology, but he came down with the flu two days before, and his disputation was dropped.

ALASKA

San Francisco used to be the port of departure for Missionaries going to Alaska. The records of the San Francisco residence contain some important names and dates.

June 14, 1889. Following the lead of Fr. Paschal Tosi and Fr. Aloysius Robaut who had gone to Alaska with Archbishop Segers, Fr. Joseph Treca and Br. John Negro set sail for Alaska.

Sep. 5, 1889. Fr. Paul Muset sailed for Alaska.

Jun. 10, 1890. Fr. Wm. Judge and Br. Bernard Cunningham set sail.

Jul 30, 1890. Fr. Gaspar Genna returned from Alaska and gave a description of conditions and missionary work among the natives.

Jun. 4, 1891. Fr. Francis Barnum and Br. Thos. Power set sail. The catalogue states that that Fr. Barnum made his tertianship in Alaska, 1891-92.

May 10, 1892. Fr. Rene, Alaska Procurator, came from Gonzaga, Spokane, to San Francisco.

Jun. 1, 1892. Fr. Parodi left for Alaska.

Aug. 4, 1892. Fr. Tosi, Superior of Alaska, arrived in San Francisco, and shortly after left for Portland. He then went to Rome to get needed faculties, as there was no Bishop of Alaska. The Holy Father received him very cordially; and just as Father was leaving Rome, appointed him Prefect Apostolic of Alaska.

May 12, 1893. Fr. Tosi arrives from Rome in San Francisco.

May 15, 1893. Fr. Tosi sailed for Alaska with Fr. Monroe who had been at Santa Clara, and with Bros. Macchesio, O'Sullivan and Twohig.

Aug. 20, 1895. Fr. Tosi arrived from Alaska with Frs. Treca and Barnum, and Br. Rosatti.

Jan. 6, 1896. Fr. Tosi and Br. Brancoli went to Alaska.

Here the entries seem to end; either the items were not big enough to record, or Seattle became the port of departure. The Fathers and Brothers continued to come from Alaska for a change before returning; in this way Brs. Negro and Twohig spent some time at Los Gatos; and Fr. Rene made his retreat occasionally in California.

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Fr. Edward Crews, (Tertian).